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TENNESSEE POLITICS NEEDS REFORMING

**Both Parties Are Badly Split
and Small Men in Charge
of Party Affairs**

In thirty-five years there have been but few times when the efficiency and ability to function in the interest of the people by the political parties of Tennessee were at as low an ebb as now.

Through democratic inefficiency and lack of organization and pep in the recent campaign, the republicans carried the state, and are in control at the capitol. The democrats have the legislature, but are so far making very poor use of it. Nothing has been done that gives assurance of any legislation of a hopeful or encouraging nature. No prospects of wholesome legislation to meet the deplorable condition existing in the state at this time.

The democratic party in Tennessee has big men in it, and it certainly is time they were taking some interest in the affairs of the party.

The republicans seem to be interested in one thing only—the offices. Gov. Taylor, in trying to perform his duties as governor, is met with opposition. His appointments are held up by his own party and friction is found everywhere. The scramble for pie renders the party powerless to do anything worth while. Such is politics today.

Clarksburg Losses

In one of the fastest games of the season Huntingdon High school defeated Clarksburg High school team the score being 15 to 12. The features of the game for Huntingdon were the accurate goal-shooting of Johnson at center, Murray brothers at forward, and the good guarding of Wilder and Fowler. The stars for Clarksburg were Butler and Pritchard.

GOOD ROADS OUTLOOK STATE AND NATION

**The Sentiment in Law-Making
Bodies for Good Roads is
Very Encouraging**

The house of congress last Monday passed a bill authorizing \$100,000,000 additional appropriation for federal and to the states in building good roads.

The government has appropriated \$266,700,000 for aid to road building since 1916 and the states have supplemented this sum in 1919 with more than \$400,000,000, and in 1920 it is estimated the states spent \$500,000,000.

It is believed that the bill will pass the senate as both the political parties, in their platforms, declared for continued liberal national aid in road building.

The general sentiment is favorable to the passage of highway bills by the Tennessee legislature that will render this state able to co-operate with the federal government in constructing good roads. Several important bills are now pending.

Westport Items

Jack Merrick is remodeling his store house.

Miss Gladys Tucker visited her brother, Mr. Ira Tucker, last week.

Dr. McGill was called to the bedside of Mrs. J. C. Sanders, Sunday.

W. E. Downing is remodeling his home. This will add much to the value of the house.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Utley spent Sunday afternoon, with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. V. T. Utley.

The sick ones of our community are much better, with the exception of Mrs. J. C. Sanders, who is still very low.

A number of citizens went to

Huntingdon yesterday to transact business. It being the first Monday in February.

Mr. and Mrs. Priestly Walker visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. V. T. Utley, Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Nath Cawthron, are visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Tobe Johnson, near Clarksburg, this week.

Mrs. John Moore fell from her front porch the other day, and hurt herself very badly. She is able to be up and going at this writing.

News came yesterday from Nashville that Mrs. Evaline Whitehorn was dead. Mrs. Whitehorn was carried there one week ago for an operation, which proved fatal.

BLUE LAW BILL

BOBS UP AGAIN

**Committee Votes to Recommend
it Back to Lower House
Again for Action**

The Graham-Bratton Sunday observance bill, with three amendments to the original measure attached, came to life Tuesday night at a meeting of the house judiciary committee of the Tennessee legislature, when, by a vote of 12 to 5, the committee voted to refer it back for consideration by the lower house.

The three amendments provide that the industries of continuous process, such as smelters, brick kilns and factories of such nature that can not be stopped, are exempted. The publication and distribution of newspapers is also exempted. The third amendment is in regard to the penalty and grand jury's inquisitorial powers. Since the original measure was killed in the senate on a parliamentary issue, its friends are said to have a hope that if they can secure its passage in the house and send it to the senate again Speaker Bond will rule differently than did Speaker Pro Tem Bryan and allow it to come to a vote.

The house bill to abolish pool rooms in the state also was considered by the committee and recommended for rejection.

Second Round

Rev. H. P. Keathley, superintendent of the McLemoresville district of the M. E. church, is making his second round. Quarterly conferences will be held for the Huntingdon district at Liberty All, March 20 and 21, and at McLemoresville April 17 and 18. The McLemoresville district meeting is to be held at McLemoresville February 17 and 18. Every pastor is expected to attend this meeting and also some laymen from each charge. Some of the speakers to be present and take part in the meeting are Bishop Frank M. Bristol, Dr. B. M. Martin, Dr. H. E. Martin, both of Chattanooga, and Dr. W. H. Neil, of Chicago.

PROCLAMATION BY PRESIDENT WILSON

**Calls Special Session of United
States Senate to Convene
on March 4**

President Wilson, acting on the recently communicated request of President-elect Harding, last Friday issued a proclamation calling a special session of the senate to convene March 4.

Request that the special session be called was made to the president several days ago by Senator Underwood, of Alabama, minority leader of the senate, who received the request of the president-elect through Senator Lodge, of Massachusetts, the majority leader. The session will act on cabinet and other appointments by Mr. Harding and probably will last only a short time.

The president in his proclamation said:

"Whereas, public interest requires that the senate of the United States be convened at 12 o'clock of the fourth day of March, next, to receive such communications as may be made by the executive:

"Now, therefore, I, Woodrow Wilson, president of the United States of America, do hereby proclaim and declare that an extraordinary occasion requires the senate of the United States to convene at the capitol, in the district of Columbia, on the fourth day of March next, at 12 o'clock noon, of which all persons who shall at that time be entitled to act as members of that body are hereby requested to take notice."

J. H. Fite Dead

J. H. Fite died, at his home in Atwood, January 1, of infirmities of old age. The deceased was 71 years old and had been blind for fourteen years. He is survived by his wife, two sons, and daughter, two brothers, one sister and a host of relatives and friends. He was a consecrated christian man, and a member of the M. E. church south. Funeral services were conducted at the M. E. church by his former pastor, Rev. J. E. Underwood, of Gleason, assisted by Rev. Davis, of Atwood. Interment in Pisgah cemetery. His people have the sympathy of a large circle of friends.

Chancery Court

Judge J. W. Ross was here last Monday and held court one day, making short work of the February term. Several cases were disposed of, among them being the granting of a divorce to Mrs. J. L. Richards.

CRITICS OF ARMY ASSAILED BY DAWES

**Partisan Politics Scored by a
Former General at a
Senate Hearing**

A sensation was created in Washington last week by Chas. Dawes, former brigadier-general under Gen. Pershing.

In his testimony before the congressional committee, investigating extravagant expenditure made during the war, Mr. Dawes let loose several broadsides against the congressional methods of investigating the conduct of the war.

Attacking what he characterized as a partisan attempt to blacken the name of the whole American army because of the blunders of a few former brigadier-general in charge of supply procurement in France, declared the house committees could serve a more useful public service by turning the searchlight upon the waste of millions of government dollars right under their nose.

Referring to numerous investigations by the house, Mr. Dawes said he thought the people were sick of them.

"Why, there is no longer any news in it," he shouted. "If I were not here strutting around and swearing there would be no news in this. Do not forget that it was an America war, not a republican or democratic war, and the record of the glorious work of our army will live hundreds of years after your committee is dead and gone and forgotten."

When the name of General Pershing was brought into the discussion, Mr. Dawes could scarcely control his anger.

"There were hounds in this country," he declared, "who tried to spread the false news that Pershing was at a theater the night of the armistice. He was there—like hell. He was at his office, starting the work of cancelling vast war contracts to save money. It will take 25 or 50 years for Pershing to get his place in history, but let me tell you the time will come when every doughboy overseas will be proud to say he was one of Pershing's men."

"You can try to give me all the hell you want—I like it. You kick because I sold a lot of second-hand junk to the French government for \$400,000,000, instead of keeping 40,000 soldiers there to guard it while we tried to peddle it. My conscience hurts me sometimes when I think we charged them too much."

Mr. Dawes said he was a republican, but was broad enough to give

the war department full credit for its work in getting more men to the front than France and Great Britain put there in the same period.

The award of distinguished service medals came in for a fiery attack. It broke more hearts, Mr. Dawes said, than anything else, because thousands of men entitled to the medals were passed by.

Mr. Dawes said it was all right for congress to go ahead and try to find and punish men who made mistakes in the stress of war, but told the committee it would get nowhere and the public was not concerned with these mistakes now.

"And they are trying to say that Pershing permitted the sacrifice of thousands of lives on Armistice Day. Its the most damnable lie ever uttered. And its all right to sit back here, viewing from a partisan standpoint the work overseas, when, if you people, so free to condemn, had just been there you might have done just as we did, or worse. Liquidation? Why, hell, men, we liquidated everything. There was not any wilful destruction of property in France, as this committee has tried to show. The junk we could not sell was given away—it was cheaper than burning or burying it. They pinned one of those medals on me, but it had a damned sight better gone to some poor devil in the ranks who better deserved it."

Asked about grafters who followed the American army in France Dawes said:

"Yes, they were there, some of the most despicable characters on earth, trying to help the army by selling it things it needed at exorbitant figures. There was one man we caught and deported. What's his name? Oh, what's the use. I am not a muckraker. He was a traitor and I wish we could have shot him."

General Dawes praised the men in the army, saying it was the fashion nowadays to condemn them. There were many women at the hearing, but it didn't faze general, who swore constantly.

"Considering everything," he declared, "the record of accomplishment of the war department in getting ready for war was a greater accomplishment than that of France or Great Britain in the same period of time. I don't believe you can pick flaws there and I am not speaking as a democrat."

Notice to Income Taxpayers

According to instructions from E. B. Craig, collector of internal revenue, Nashville, Tenn., I will be in Huntingdon, Tenn., for the purpose assisting the taxpayers in filing their income tax returns, on the following dates, February 19-20-21-22-23.

L. B. ALEXANDER,
Deputy Collector Internal Revenue

DEMOCRATS MOVE STIRRING CAPITOL

**Effort Being Made to Reorganize
the Party for More
Efficient Work**

Chairman George White of the national committee has called his committee to meet in Washington March 1 for the purpose of discussing the situation and to reorganize the party machinery if found necessary. There has been some talk of Mr. White resigning the chairmanship and that some more efficient man, as a party organizer, take his place.

This suggestion, however, has caused the charge to be made that the movement is really in the interest of some presidential aspirant and democrats around Washington are very much stirred up over the situation.

Some think it is too early to start an organization and to begin to fix issues for the 1922 campaign. They claim that the democrats in congress will make the issues for 1922. It is also charged that the friends of some party desiring to be the next candidate for president are seeking an advantage. If this is the purpose of the meeting a rough time is anticipated.

Want Court Restored

The members of the Jackson bar, the Association of Commerce and various civic organizations have united in a request to the legislature to repeal the act permitting cases from West Tennessee before the supreme court to be tried in Nashville. In other words, it is desired to restore the court, as originally ordained by the constitution, which will have the effect of lessening the cost to litigants.

POSTMASTERSHIPS TO BE POLITICAL PLUMS

**Daugherty Hints Civil Service
Order Will be Removed
by Harding**

That the executive order placing presidential postmasters under civil service will be revoked by President Harding as one of the early acts of his administration was indicated at Washington the first of the week by Harry M. Daugherty, close friend of the president-elect.

When asked whether democratic office-holders, such as postmasters who have definite terms, will be permitted to serve out their terms, Daugherty said: "I have no doubt the republican administration will be as decent about it as the democratic administration has been. When the Wilson administration came into power office-holders were allowed to serve out their terms."

This statement of Mr. Daugherty was fully verified in both the McKenzie and Huntingdon post-offices, and was thought by republicans at that time to be a very decent thing for the democrats to do.

Struck With Bat

James Lloyd Spain, six-year-old son of Hubert Spain of near Cedar Grove, was the victim of a serious accident Thursday of last week. The accident occurred at the Clark school house while some boys were playing with ball and bat. The lad ran by Adron Alexander just as Adron was making a stroke with a bat and accidentally hit him on the head. A gash was cut that took several stitches to sew up, and he was rendered unconscious. He remained unconscious until the afternoon of the next day. Medical attention was given the boy and he is getting along fairly well. The accident was greatly deplored.

Reduced Prices on

Fairbanks-Morse Engines

1 1-2-horse power	\$ 62.50	50-light Light Plant	\$350
3-horse power	- 107.50	100-light Light Plant	550
6-horse power	- 175.00	200-light Light Plant	800
No. 6 Saw Rig	- 317.00	16-in Williams Grist Mill	110
20-in Williams Grist Mill	-		\$137.00

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